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<b>(54) Title:</b> CATALYSTS CONSISTING OF METALS ON HYDROTALCITE-BASED CARRIER MATERIALS, AND METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF  <b>(57) Abstract</b> <p>The present invention relates to a catalyst comprising at least one metal loaded on a hydrotalcite-based carrier material which has the following formula in its uncalcined form: <math>M^{2+}_a M^{3+}_b (A^{n-}) (OH)_{2a+3b-n} \cdot xH_2O</math>, wherein <math>M^{2+}</math> is at least one divalent metal; and <math>M^{3+}</math> is at least one trivalent metal; A is an n-valent anion, n is 1 or 2 and a and b are positive numbers, <math>a &gt; b</math>. When said at least one metal is selected from the group VIII of the periodical system of the elements a useful (de)hydrogenation catalyst is achieved.</p>		